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SUBJECT: A AND B COMMITTEE DEBATE: AGENDA ITEM THREE,
THE 76 BUDGET: GENERAL SUMMARY OF OPENING
STATEMENTS

REF: A. VIENNA3413; B. VIENNA 3415; C. VIENNA 3369

1. OPENING STATEMENTS, REPORTED IN DEPTH BY SEPARATE
AIRGRAM, GENERALLY EXPRESSED DISMAY OVER LARGE ASSESS-
MENT INCREASE OF 30 PERCENT, ONLY 5 PERCENT OF WHICH
DEVOTED TO PROGRAMS. U.K. SUPPORTED OVERALL BUDGET AS
INEVITABLE AND COMMENDED DG ON RECORD FOR ECONOMIZING,
BUT OBJECTED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS
DIRECTOR POST (SUBJECT WHICH CAUSED MUCH DEBATE WHICH
IS REPORTED IN DEPTH IN SEPTTEL), U.S. OPENING STATEMENT
ALSO SUPPORTED BUDGET ESTAIMATES, NOTING THEY ARE
IMPOSEDMNAGENCY, AND STRESSED PRIORITY PROGRAMS OF 1)
SAFEGUARDS AND PHYSICAL PROTECTION, 2) TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL IN-KIND
CONTRIBUTION OF \$500,000 REPORTED REFTEL. (REF C), 3) NUCLEAR
SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, 4) NUCLEAR POWER FOR THE
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DEVELOPING WORLD, AND 5) INIS.

2. FRENCH OPPOSED LARGE INCREASE IN BUDGET AND CALLED FOR SAVINGS IN LOW PRIORITY PROGRAMS. JAPAN AND FRG OPPOSED INCREASE OF 38 POSITIONS IN MANNING TABLE. FRG NOTED PROBLEM FACED BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES BESET BY INFLATION AND NEED TO TRIM COSTS AND HOPED DG COULD REALLOCATE POSTS TO HIGHER PRIORITY PROGRAMS. INDIA INTRODUCED COMPARISON OF SAFEGUARDS INCREASE (27.9 PERCENT) WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INCREASE (ONLY 16.8 PERCENT) AND SAID LDC'S WOULD ASK FOR INCREASE IN TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO \$7 MILLION (FROM PRESENT \$4.5 MILLION). INDIA ALSO MENTIONED IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SYSTEMS OF MATERIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND OPPOSED INCREASE IN SAFEGUARDS INSPECTORATE.

3. CANADA MADE STRONG OPENING STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM AND ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR POST IN SAFEGUARDS DIVISION OF OPERATIONS. CANADA CALLED SAFEGUARDS AND TA TWIN RAISONS D'ETRE OF AGENCY AND STATED IN SUPPORT OF SAFEGUARDS THAT, "WE DARE NOT CUT CORNERS IN MATTERS INVOLVING VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY". AUSTRALIA AND SWITZERLAND FOLLOWED U.S. LEAD IN STATEMENTS ON PRIORITY AGENCY PROGRAMS. AUSTRALIANS STRESSED TA TARGET SHOULD BE DECIDED BY JUNE BOARD ONLY AFTER NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND MADE STRONGEST STATEMENT FOR RECORD ON IMPORTANCE OF SETTING UP PNE UNIT. SWISS STRESSED NEED FOR AGENCY TO INCREASE PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT.

4. PHILIPPINES OBJECTED STRENUOUSLY TO 30 PERCENT INCREASE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RECOMMENDATION THAT 1973 AND 1974 CASH SURPLUSES BE RETAINED BY AGENCY (INSTEAD OF BEING RETURNED TO MEMBERS) TO HELP MAKE UP ANTICIPATED 1975 DEFICIT. PHILIPPINES ALSO REQUESTED FURTHER INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTION OF DELAYED RECRUITMENT POSTS (WHICH WILL AVERAGE 30-40 MAN-YEARS OVER 1975) AND RECOMMENDED THAT SOME OF THESE POSTS MAY BE MARGINAL ENOUGH TO BE REALLOCATED TO HIGHER PRIORITY PROGRAMS. HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AT \$7 MILLION LEVEL, KKKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS WILL BE STARTING POSITION OF LDC'S AT JUNE BOARD, AND MENTIONED CONCEPT OF TARGET FOR IN-KIND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH IS FIRST TIME MISSION HAS HEARD THIS IDEA. HE ALSO AGREED THAT BOARD WILL HAVE BENEFIT OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND THEREFORE FAVORED DEFERRAL THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS THAT OF SAFEGUARDS STAFFING TO JUNE, APPARENTLY INDICATING LDC'S MAY BE LOOKING TO REDUCTION SAFEGUARDS STAFF IN

BARGAINING FOR REDUCTION IN TA TARGET.

5. DETAILED DEBATE ON 1976 BUDGET ESTIMATES REPORTED
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